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City to host second annual Lunar New Year Festival Feb. 6

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On Saturday, Feb. 6 the city will host its second annual Lunar New Year Festival. The inaugural San Gabriel festival last February was a great success, bringing out a diverse group of families and community members to enjoy a fun day of live entertainment, shopping and eating.

This year's event, celebrating the Year of the Monkey, promises to be even bigger and better than the first. The festival will extend to an even larger area in the Mission District, with more vendor booths, food trucks and a new craft beer garden.



There will also be even more entertainment, with live performances on the outdoor festival stage and inside the beautiful Mission Playhouse. The acts will be both traditional and modern.

The festival will kick off with the traditional Lion and Dragon Dances. Later, attendees can watch a heated competition for the festival's best dance crew and can also wander and admire the beautiful street art and the chalk walk, both new this year. Kids can enjoy fun games and activities in the Kids' Zone.

The city's Lunar New Year Festival event puts a modern twist on the



traditional celebration of Lunar New Year, aiming to engage the community and build bridges and connections across different cultures and generations.

The festival will take place in the historic Mission District from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, visit www.sglunamoneyear.org or follow the event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/San-Gabriel-Lunar-New-Year-Festival/557811694321560> on Instagram at www.instagram.com/sglunamoneyear and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/sglunamoneyear>.

Box Office opens 3



Demolition moratorium imposed for preservation update

The San Gabriel City Council last September approved an urgency ordinance imposing a moratorium on demolition of single family homes and on second story additions. The move was an effort to give staff sufficient time to take measures to preserve the city's neighborhoods and historic structures in the face of concerns about larger homes overshadowing the city's rich history.

In adopting the urgency ordinance, the City Council also directed staff to proceed with the creation of new development code standards and an updated historic preservation ordinance, including an extensive public engagement process. The new provisions would aim to preserve the city's historic structures and neighborhoods by deterring mansionization, or building large homes that dwarf the surrounding community. The City Council recently extended

the moratorium to Oct. 5, 2016 to give staff ample time to complete those code updates.

In November, the Council approved agreements with consultants Chattel, Inc. and SWCA, Inc., and the firms have already begun work on updating the city's Historic Preservation Ordinance, attending a kickoff meeting with city staff and reviewing examples of preservation ordinances in other cities. Next, the consultants will present preservation policies analyze them before preparing a draft and final ordinance. Both firms are committed to excellent communication, outreach and education with the community at each step to ensure the success of this project. The update is scheduled to be completed by this fall.

During the moratorium period, staff will also look at existing development standards and design guidelines for R-1 neighborhoods

to determine if they need to be updated and strengthened to better protect all such neighborhoods, even those that may not have a predominance of historic homes. Development standards include such things as maximum height, setbacks and lot coverage. Design standards place an emphasis on principles of good design, such as balance, integrity and substance.

Currently, one set of development standards and design guidelines is in place for all R-1 neighborhoods in the city. Staff will use the moratorium period to consider the option of having standards and guidelines tailored to the unique lot sizes, subdivision patterns and character of each neighborhood.

For more information, contact Senior Planner Larissa De La Cruz at 626.308.2806, ext. 4625 or ldelacruz@sgch.org.

Join in spring festivities 4



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Winter Event Highlight



For a complete list of events:
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San Gabriel, CA 91776

Employees recognized for exemplary service

At the Dec. 1 City Council meeting, the city presented the winners of the 2015 Employee Recognition Awards. The annual awards recognize individuals and teams for their accomplishments and contributions to the City of San Gabriel throughout the year.

LEADERSHIP

Newton Ong, Fire Department
Jackie Wong, Community Development Department

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Public Works Fleet Division: Victor Razo, Pedro Chavez, and Cesar Acosta

INNOVATION

Jonathan Nih, Finance Department

TEAMWORK

Rick Villarreal, Public Works Department

Nominations were made by full-time employees and winners were chosen by the Executive Team. For more information, contact Amanda Fowler at 626.308.2802 or afowler@sgch.org.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Northern California Wildland Fire Siege: John Adkins, Dennis Barwick, Vanessa Murphy, Newton Ong, Art Stafford, Aaron Terry, Cuong Tran, and Steve Wallace

OVERALL WORK PERFORMANCE

John Holder, Mission Playhouse
Alex Quijada, Police Department

City and residents prepare for El Niño weather

While it may be hard to think about rain during the state's unprecedented drought, forecasters have warned that a strong El Niño will hit Southern California this winter and bring severe weather to the region.

Experts describe El Niño as a warming of the ocean west of Peru that will cause dramatic changes in the atmosphere and alter worldwide weather patterns. Although it won't be an end to the drought for California, it will mean a 95 percent chance of heavy rains from January through March. In a normal winter, there could be five storms in the area, but El Niño would more than double that number officials said.

With weather conditions expected to be the most severe in decades, city officials from across the organization are taking steps to ensure the city and its residents are prepared in order to minimize damage and injuries.

The Public Works crews are making sure that streets and storm systems (catch basins and pipes) are clear of debris that could cause flooding. They are also trimming and thinning trees to reduce risk of damaged or downed trees. The department has stocked up on sand bags for use in emergencies, and offers 10 free bags to each household in San Gabriel. Staff is ready in case of a severe storm, having additional rental equipment on standby and pledging to dedicate additional staff when storms are in the forecast.

The San Gabriel Fire Department (SGFD) is also ready for El Niño, with plans in place to quickly and efficiently respond to an emergency situation caused by rain. Firefighters have been trained in anticipated situations such as floods, mud slides and trench rescues. SGFD also has an Urban Search and Rescue program, which is one of only five of these specialized units in the area.

Officials stress that it is equally as important for residents to ensure that they are prepared themselves. Resources are available through the city and more information can be found on the city website as well as the Los Angeles County information center at www.lacounty.gov/elnino.

For more on city services, call the Public Works Department at 626.308.2825 or the SGFD at 626.308.2880.

What should I do to prepare for El Niño?

- ✓ Inspect roofs and windows for damage that may cause leaks.
- ✓ Make sure gutters, downspouts and any area drains on your property are clean.
- ✓ Properly store or cover any materials that may pose health or environmental risks in flood (fertilizer, paint, loose soil).
- ✓ Report debris, clogged drains, or damaged trees to Public Works at 626.308.2825.
- ✓ Sand bags are available for residents; up to 10 per address per year. Contact Public Works at 626.308.2825 to arrange pickup. If you need more, purchase additional bags at hardware or building supply stores.
- ✓ Sign up for emergency notifications from the city at www.sangabrielcity.com/sgalert.
- ✓ Make sure you have an emergency supply of food, water, light and other essentials in your home to last up to three days per person.

Infrastructure Spotlight

New Public Works facility nears completion

Later this year, the Public Works Department will move into its new home at 917 E Grand Ave. The 23,000 square foot facility is a big step forward in modernizing the department that takes care of the city's streets, parks, buildings and city vehicle fleet.

Public Works Director Daren Grilley said the new building will increase productivity, efficiency and enhance the ability to serve the city's infrastructure needs.

"This new facility allows most of the Public Works divisions to be combined under one roof and gives us the space we need to safely store materials, equipment and service the city's fleet of public safety vehicles," Grilley said.

The facility will have a much larger fleet service garage that for the first time will provide the space to work on the Fire Department engines and Urban Search and Rescue vehicle, as well as the Public Works Vactor sewer maintenance truck. The current auto shop is too small for these larger trucks, which must be serviced outside. The site also includes a fueling station that will help the city

be better prepared for emergencies.

In addition to Fleet Services, the Field Operations, Administration and Engineering Divisions will also be housed in the new facility. These divisions maintain streets, sidewalks, lighting, traffic signals, storm water and sewer maintenance, project management and development engineering.

The facility is environmentally conscious and is built to the California Green Building Code. It incorporates numerous skylights to reduce the need for electricity and has low impact development elements such as permeable pavement and storm water filtration systems.

The new building will also make way for a much needed new police department, which currently shares space with the old Public Works yard on Mission Road.

The new Public Works facility will be completed in April and the department will be relocated by the end of June.

For more information, contact Public Works Director Daren Grilley at 626.308.2825 or dgrilley@sgch.org.



San Gabriel Valley Medical Center

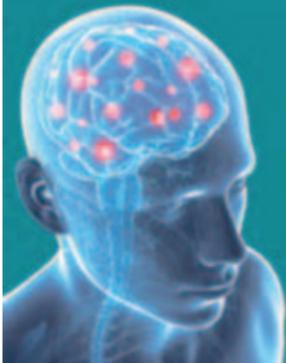
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Mission Playhouse

Becoming a vibrant cultural center

The Playhouse recently launched several new programs and services that have moved the theater forward on its path to becoming a vibrant full service cultural center, while also taking steps to preserve important historical aspects.

This season, the Playhouse began bringing audiences and artists closer together through a series of events with music, dance, culture, and food from around the world, called "Global Flavors." Continuing throughout the year, this program will offer performances, pre-concert talks, exhibitions, poetry readings, workshops, seminars, the development of new plays and partnerships, as well as free outdoor summer concerts and movies – all part of the exciting new Community Engagement program *Engage!*

In September, the Playhouse launched its new box office service, which allows community members to purchase tickets to shows in person, by phone and online. Susie Schwartz, the new Playhouse box office manager, brings more than 20 years of experience working in box offices for various venues throughout Los Angeles, including The Music Center, Universal Amphitheatre, Dolby Theatre, The Forum and The Hollywood Bowl.

"We've had many clients over the years who have said they wish we had a box office," Mission Playhouse Director Anna Cross said, "and now we can finally say we do. It's more convenient for our performers and benefits our patrons by having a central operation for ticket sales."

The box office is open in person at the Mission Playhouse on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-5 p.m. Call them at 626.308.2868 or email boxoffice5@missionplayhouse.org.

For those who get hungry at intermission, the Playhouse will soon launch a new program to provide concessions at its shows. The program will start small



Restored fire curtain.

with locally sourced foods that fit the theme of the event, and then the Playhouse will expand these offerings as the program continues to grow.

To improve the theatrical experience even further, Playhouse staff members this summer installed new LED stage lighting that will increase the energy efficiency of the building and also improve the quality of the lighting for performances.

The Mission Playhouse has long been a jewel in the San Gabriel community, providing a unique experience in the arts that not every city can offer.

Recognizing the importance of preserving the architectural integrity and beauty of the historic theater, the Playhouse restored the original fire curtain, which now hangs in front of the stage before each show. Originally installed in the 1920s, the curtain has been missing from the Playhouse stage for years due to needed repairs.

In a multi-departmental effort, the curtain was fully restored, including repainting the iconic crest of the King of Spain that is prominently displayed on the front. The curtain is not only a safety measure, but it also gives the Playhouse a more professional feel and provides a beautiful backdrop for patrons to enjoy as they enter the theater.

Finally, a bid is out to rebuild the Playhouse's outdated marquee to a more architecturally accurate structure. The new marquee will be more prominent and beautifully display upcoming shows, giving drivers through the Mission District a better look at what's happening at the theater.

For more information on the Mission Playhouse, call 626.308.2865 or email info@missionplayhouse.org.

En Breve...

La Ciudad patrocinará el segundo Festival de Año Nuevo Lunar.

El 6 de febrero la Ciudad patrocinará su segundo Festival Anual de Año Nuevo Lunar. El festival inaugural de febrero del año pasado fue un gran éxito y el evento de este año promete ser aún mayor y mejor. Para más información, favor de visitar www.sglunarnewyear.org o seguir el evento en Facebook, Twitter e Instagram o en Weibo.

La ciudad y los residentes deberán prepararse para el tiempo de lluvia considerado 'El Niño'

Los meteorólogos pronostican un fuerte El Niño este invierno que nos traerá temporales de lluvias desde enero hasta marzo. El Departamento de Obras Públicas y el de Bomberos están tomando las medidas necesarias con el fin de preparar a la Ciudad para el severo clima despejando los desagües fluviales, distribuyendo bolsas de arena gratis para a los residentes y planificando rescates de emergencia. Favor de llamar al 626.308.2825 para obtener información sobre el Departamento de Obras Públicas o al 626.308.2880 para información sobre el Departamento de Bomberos.

Desayuno de panqueques el 26 de marzo

La Ciudad patrocinará el desayuno anual de panqueques y búsqueda de huevos de Pascua el 26 de marzo en Smith Park, 232 West Broadway. El festejo comenzará a las 7:00 a.m. e incluirá un desayuno de panqueques, carrera de panqueques, búsqueda de huevos de Pascua para niños, pintadas de cara, premios y una visita especial del conejito de Pascua. Para más información, favor de llamar al 626.308.2875.

La Ciudad aprobó una moratoria sobre la demolición de casas y construcción de segundos pisos

El Concejo Municipal aprobó una moratoria sobre la demolición de casas y la construcción de segundos pisos en la Zona R-1 para ofrecerle tiempo al personal municipal con el fin de que pueda preservar la historia de la Ciudad. La ciudad también está revisando las reglas de la Preservación Histórica y los códigos municipales de desarrollo para así proteger los vecindarios de San Gabriel. Para más información, favor de llamar al 626.308.2806

簡介

本市將舉辦第二屆新春節慶
2月6日星期六本市將舉辦第二屆年度新春節慶。本市的第一屆節慶獲得了巨大的成功，今年的活動一定會辦得更大更好。如需獲得更多信息，請上網www.sglunarnewyear.org 或者在 Facebook, Twitter, Instagram 和微博上了解活動信息。

市政府，居民必需準備迎接El Nino
氣象預測今年的冬天將有嚴重的El Nino現象，將從1月至3月帶來大量降雨。公共服務部門和消防局已經開始為增加的惡劣氣候做準備，例如清理暴風雨下水道，為居民提供免費的沙袋，和準備應急救助計劃。請致電公共服務部門 626.308.2825 或 消防局 626.308.2880 了解更多信息。

3月26日薄煎餅早餐會
本市將在3月26日於Smith Park, 232 West Broadway舉辦年度薄煎餅早餐會和彩蛋活動。活動將從早7點開始，包括薄煎餅早餐會，薄煎餅賽跑，兒童彩蛋，臉部彩繪，獎品和特別的兔子來訪。如需獲取更多信息，請致電626.308.2875。

市政府通過暫停單層獨立屋的拆毀和重建雙層的禁令
市議會最近通過了一項有關在R-1區域內暫停單層獨立屋的拆毀和重建雙層的禁令。這是為了給政府人員時間來更新歷史保護令和本市開發法令來保留本市的歷史，和保護聖蓋博社區。如需獲得更多信息，致電626.308.2806。

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News Briefs

'Egg'straordinary Spring Celebration

Celebrate spring in San Gabriel at the "Egg"straordinary Spring Celebration and 72nd Annual Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt on March 26.

This family fun event will be held at Smith Park, 232 W Broadway and is sponsored by the San Gabriel Kiwanis Club and the Community Services Department.

Festivities will begin at 7:00 a.m.

with a pancake breakfast prepared by the Kiwanis Club. Pancake races begin at 9:00 a.m., followed by a 10:00 a.m. egg hunt for children ages nine and under.

Other activities include face painting, prizes for egg hunt participants and a special bunny visit.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 626.308.2875.



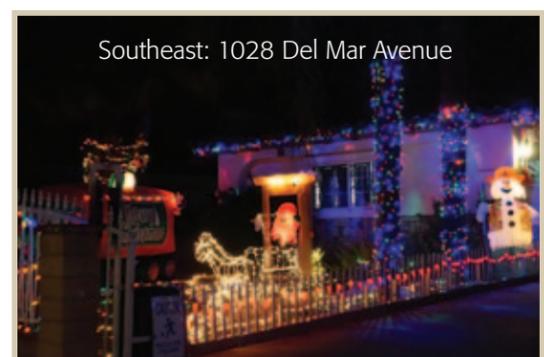
'Light Up San Gabriel' winners named

Santa Claus, the Women's Foundation and the San Gabriel City Council visited the 2015 winners of the holiday decorations awards program Dec. 17. Winners received a certificate of recognition and signs to post in their front yard.

Residents who decorate are one of the reasons the holidays are merry and bright in San Gabriel.

The holiday decorations contest is sponsored by the Women's Foundation with support from the Community Development Department and is in its 17th year.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2015 Holiday Decorations Awards Program!



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